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IDEALIST/LIFE SUPPORT

SUBJECT: 6-LINE PARACHUTE MODIFICATION

REF: [REDACTED]

1. HQ'S LIFE SUPPORT OFFICER HAS AGAIN REVIEWED THE STATE OF THE ART WITH RESPECT TO THE 6-LINE RELEASE TO GAIN MORE CONTROL OF THE DESCENDING PARACHUTE. DURING EARLY MAY, 1970 A LIVE DROP WAS MADE IN THE S1010 PPA USING THE RQ 225 PARACHUTE WITH THE 6-LINE RELEASE. IT WAS IMMEDIATELY OBVIOUS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WAS AFFORDED MUCH GREATER CONTROL OF THE PARACHUTE IN THE MODIFIED STATE.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN [REDACTED] CONCERNING PILOT DIFFICULTY FOLLOWING THE EJECTION EPISODE, IT IS FELT THAT THE IDEALIST PILOT HAS BEEN WELL TRAINED AND WOULD IN FACT BE CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING HIS EMOTIONS AND PERFORMING ADEQUATELY THE REQUIRED FUNCTIONS NECESSARY FOR PARACHUTE MANIPULATION.

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3. SUGGEST IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE DESIRE TO INCLUDE THE 6-LINE RELEASE AS PART OF THE PARACHUTE PACKAGE, THAT THE AF TEST CENTER AT EL CENTRO, CALIF., BE UTILIZED FOR WHIRL TOWER STUDIES AND ANY OTHER EVALUATIONS YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO QUALIFY THIS MODIFICATION.

4. IT SHOULD BE RE-EMPHASIZED THAT THE INCLUSION OF THE 6-LINE RELEASE MODIFICATION IN NO WAY CHANGES THE ORIGINAL CONFIGURATION OR INTEGRITY OF THE PARACHUTE AND IT REMAINS AS A PILOT OPTION AS TO WHETHER IT IS USED OR NOT.

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